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EDUCATIONAL SCHEMES FOR DISABLED
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether any Special Schemes have ben launched during the last three years and till date for providing education to the physically disabled people in the States including Uttar Pradesh;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) The names of the specified institutes in the country particularly in Uttar Pradesh in this regard for the deaf and blind; State-wise;

(d) The agencies including the Governmental ones which run these institutes for the deaf and blind; and

(e) The details of the proposals received from the Non-Government Organisations for the welfare of the deaf and blind particularly from Uttar Pradesh and the present status of those proposals, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) and (b). No, Sir. However, Government is implementing Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan through State Governments since 2001 with the goal of eight years of elementary schooling for all children including children with disabilities in the age group of 6-14 years by 2010. Additionally, the Government is implementing the Scheme to Promote Voluntary Action for Persons with Disabilities since 1998-99 through voluntary organisations. Under this scheme grants-in-aid is given to voluntary organisations in various States including Uttar Pradesh for implementing various projects such as special schools, vocational training centers, community based rehabilitation programmes, rehabilitation of leprosy cured persons, man power development programmes in mental retardation, visual impairment, and hearing impairment, early intervention and pre-school training, home based training, etc. etc.

(c) and (d). Names of Non-Government Organisations, State-wise including Uttar Pradesh, which are supported under Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme for running schools for deaf and blind are given in annexure I.

(e). The number of proposals received from Non-Government Organisations, State- wise including Uttar Pradesh, are given in annexure II. New proposals are being taken up to the extent of funds available after meeting committed liabilities for ongoing projects under the scheme, availability of all necessary documents and information from the NGOs, the details of projects already being implemented under the scheme in the districts from where the new proposals have come, etc.